

**Claims:** I claim:

1. A stethoscope tubing comprising:
  - a. flexible, acoustic tubing, and
  - b. means for allowing said tubing to temporarily retain a desired shape.
2. The stethoscope tubing of claim 1 wherein said means is wire embedded in said acoustic tubing.
3. The stethoscope tubing of claim 2 wherein said wire is approximately the same length as said acoustic tubing.
4. The stethoscope tubing of claim 3 wherein said wire is embedded such that it traverses a path parallel to interior conduit of said acoustic tubing.
5. The stethoscope tubing of claim 3 wherein said wire is embedded such that it follows a helical path about interior conduit of said acoustic tubing.
6. A sleeve for retrofit of stethoscopes comprising:
  - a. flexible tubing, and
  - b. means for allowing said tubing to temporarily retain a desired shape.
7. The sleeve of claim 6 wherein said flexible tubing has an interior opening of sufficient size so as to allow said tubing to encompass the acoustic tubing of a typical hospital stethoscope.
8. The sleeve of claim 7 wherein said wire is approximately the same length as said flexible tubing.
9. The sleeve of claim 8 wherein said wire is embedded such that it traverses a path parallel to interior conduit of said flexible tubing.

10. The sleeve of claim 8 wherein said wire is embedded such that it follows a helical path about interior conduit of said flexible tubing.